BEACON HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT

Charles River Embankment, Beacon, Pinckney, Revere, and Hancock Streets, Boston

Platted and developed between 1795 and 1808, Beacon Hill remains one of the nation's finest and least-altered early urban environments. Primarily residential, the neighborhood contains elegant Federal and Greek Revival structures that have housed Boston's Brahmins for two centuries. Privately owned Louisburg Square is noted for its handsome bowfront mansions. Charles Bulfinch, who helped plan the original development and designed the Massachusetts State House that crowns the hill, also designed some of Beacon Hill's most important houses.